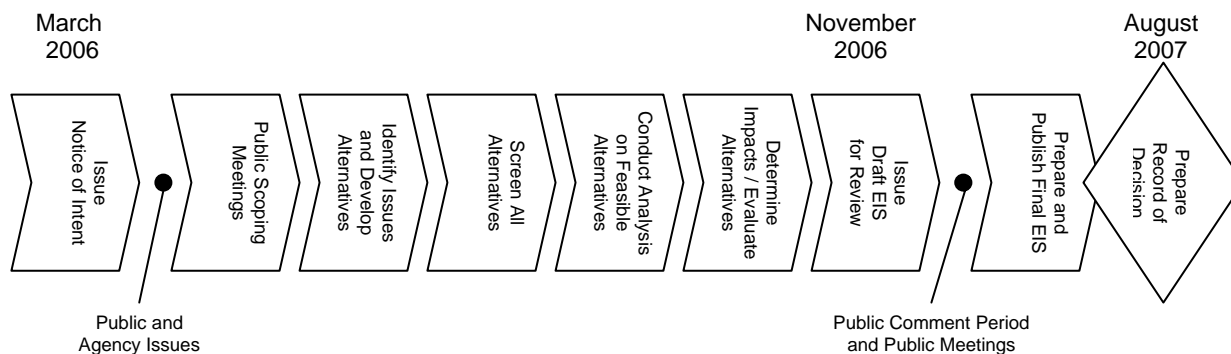


# KANE SPRINGS VALLEY GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) STEPS AND PROPOSED TIMELINE



The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Kane Springs Valley Groundwater Development Project proposed by the Lincoln County Water District (LCWD). The Kane Springs Valley Groundwater Development Project EIS will assess the potential impacts associated with granting right-of-way for construction, operation and maintenance of groundwater wells, pipelines, electric lines, access roads and terminal storage, as well as impacts on water resources, wildlife, vegetation and other potentially affected resources.

The BLM would like your participation in the project planning process to help identify potential environmental issues, concerns, and alternatives that should be addressed in the EIS. Participation in this process can be via letter, e-mail, fax, phone, or attendance at one of the Open House scoping meetings. Open House/Scoping meetings will be held in the following locations:

- April 10, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Caliente City Hall, 100 Depot Rd, Caliente
- April 11, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Alamo Ambulance Barn, 10 Airport Rd. Alamo
- April 12, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Mesquite City Hall, 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Mesquite
- April 13, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas
- April 17, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno

Comments may also be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail or phone as follows:

**Mail:** Bureau of Land Management  
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1340 Financial Boulevard  
Reno, Nevada 89520  
Attention: Penny Woods

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**Phone:** Penny Woods (775) 861-6466

Scoping comments will be accepted throughout the scoping period, which ends May 1, 2006. There will be additional opportunities to comment on the title transfer throughout the EIS process. It is BLM's practice to publicly disclose respondents' comments, including names and addresses.

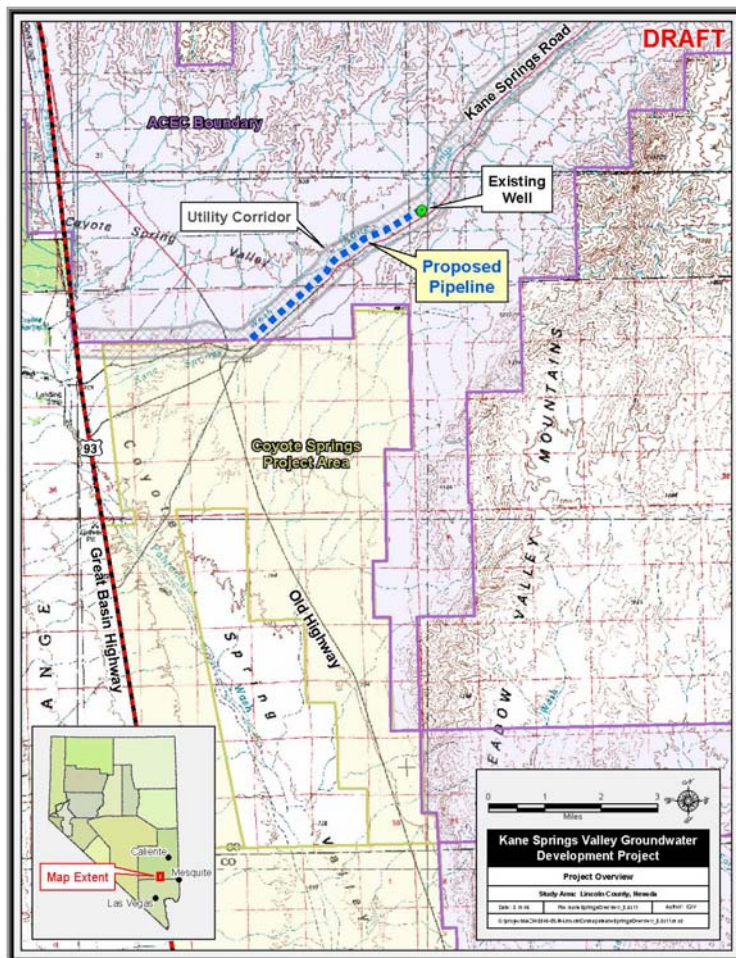
Respondents may request that their identity and address be withheld from disclosure; this will be honored to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you

must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be publicly disclosed in their entirety.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Kane Springs Valley Groundwater Development Project EIS will assess the potential impacts associated with granting a right-of-way for construction, operation and maintenance of groundwater wells, pipelines, electric lines, access roads and terminal water storage, as well as impacts on water resources, wildlife, vegetation and other potentially affected resources.

Kane Springs Valley water production facilities would consist of up to seven production water wells located along the utility corridor established by the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act of 2004 (Public Act 108-424).



A proposed test/production well site would be located in a “borrow-pit” site along the southeast side of Kane Springs Road approximately 10 miles north of the northernmost production well. Collectively, the wells would pump up to 5,000 acre feet of groundwater per year.

Groundwater water transmission pipelines would be located in a 20-foot wide permanent easement along the southeastern edge of the Kane Springs Road with lateral pipelines to each well-head/pump house.

Associated ancillary facilities would include distribution power lines and communication lines to be placed in the easement to provide power and communication for the project facilities. Access roads would be needed from the Kane Springs Road for vehicle access to each well site.

Issues for analysis in the EIS would be determined by the BLM based upon input from BLM specialists, other agencies, and the public during scoping. BLM resource

specialists have identified the following resources that may be impacted from the Proposed Action - (Water Resources, Wildlife/Wildlife Habitat, Special Status Species, Social and Economic Values, Cultural Resources, and Noxious Weeds). These resources would receive special emphasis in the EIS. Based on the information received during the initial scoping effort and other information, such as location of sensitive natural resources and projected construction activity, alternatives to the LCWD proposal will be identified to reduce possible impacts. Alternatives would include the Proposed Action and all other feasible and reasonable alternatives, including the No Action alternative. Other alternatives may include alternative alignments. In addition, reasonable measures to mitigate possible impacts would be considered for analysis in the EIS.